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LOCATION & ACTIVITY GUIDE





NATURAL & CULTURAL TREASURES UNDER THE BIG SKY

Welcome to Montana State Parks. Montana's 53 state parks are a convenient way to connect with our history, culture and nature itself. At these locations, you'll find great places for events, education and family fun. Whether you're just discovering these exciting opportunities or are a seasoned park visitor who knows how amazing the "Real" Montana is, you'll find even more information about the parks on our Web site at fwp.mt.gov/parks. The site features history of the parks, great magazine articles, video clips, an events calendar, and much more. You can also connect with us on Facebook (Montana State Parks) and Twitter (MTStateParks). We hope you'll enjoy the unique and authentic experiences that Montana State Parks offer.



BANNACK GHOST TOWN
Travel Montana photo



CULTURAL SITES

There's more to Montana's State Parks than just breathtaking scenery. The parks are actually windows into our storied past and diverse culture. From ghost towns that showcase our boom-and-bust mining history to awe-inspiring buffalo jumps that recall a unique culture, there's no better way to discover Montana's heritage. Not only are these sites meaningful to Montana history, but six parks have been designated National Historic Landmarks and nine parks are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. These parks feature monuments that pay tribute to great historic events and figures like Montana's rich American Indian legacy, the first white settlement, our early pioneers and of course, Lewis & Clark. Give yourself and your kids a history lesson that will be truly enjoyed by visiting any of the following State Parks.

MONTANA HISTORY

ANACONDA SMELTER STACK*

The 585-foot Anaconda Copper Company smelter stack completed in 1919 is one of the world's tallest free-standing brick structures and can be viewed at a distance where signs detail its history.

Viewing area at east end of Anaconda on 4th St.
(Lat 46.11, Lng-112.914) Phone (406) 542-5500.



FORT OWEN*

This first permanent white settlement is the site of many Montana "firsts," including the state's first Catholic church, founded in 1841. Interpretive signs and exhibits detail the site's history.

25 miles south of Missoula on U.S. 93 to Stevensville Junction, then .5 miles east on Secondary 269. (Lat 46.52, Lng-114.097) Phone (406) 542-5500.



GHOST TOWNS

BANNACK (NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK)

More than 50 buildings, weathered by the seasons, still stand in Montana's first territorial capital and the site of Montana's first major gold discovery on July 28, 1862. Stroll down the boardwalks on Main Street and wander through the deserted buildings in one of Montana's best preserved ghost towns.

Located in southwestern Montana. Take I-15 south of Dillon to Exit 59 (Hwy 278 exit). Drive west on Hwy 278 for 18 miles. Turn south onto the Bannack Road and travel four miles. Park entrance road will be on the left-hand side. (Lat 45.163, Lng-112.995) Phone (406) 834-3413.



ELKHORN*

This historic mining town of boom and bust features two impressive structures, Fraternity Hall and Gillian Hall, both examples of frontier architecture. These are the only two buildings in the town of Elkhorn that are publicly owned. Please respect private property while visiting this site.

I-15 at Boulder exit, 7 miles south on MT 69, then 11 miles north on county road. (Lat 46.275, Lng-111.946) Phone (406) 495-3260.



GRANITE*

Nicknamed "Montana's Silver Queen," Granite had its heyday in the 1890s. Today the park is comprised of the Superintendent's House and the ruins of the Miner's Union Hall which featured the "Northwest's Finest Dance Floor."

From Philipsburg, east on Hwy 10A, South on Sansome, east on gravel road opposite Center St. approximately 4 miles from townsite. (Lat 46.319, Lng-113.257) Phone (406) 542-5500.

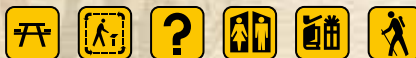


AMERICAN INDIAN

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS (NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK)

Apsáalooke (Crow) Chief Plenty Coups and his wife willed their log home and farmstead as a place for all cultures to come together in a cooperative nature. Visit their two-story log cabin and modern interpretive center.

Billings Exit 447 off I-90, 35 miles south to Pryor, 1 mile west. (Lat 45.429, Lng-108.549) Phone (406) 252-1289.



COUNCIL GROVE

A beautiful monument commemorates the Hellgate Treaty which created the Flathead Indian Reservation. Also a great park for birdwatching and fishing access to the Clark Fork River.

In Missoula on I-90 at Reserve St. Exit, 2 miles south on Reserve St., then 10 miles west on Mullan Rd. (Lat 46.911, Lng-114.161) Phone (406) 542-5500.



PICTOGRAPH CAVE (NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK)

Prehistoric hunters left their mark on the cave walls as early as 10,000 years ago. A full service visitor center, staff, and printed trail guides explain why Pictograph Cave is known as the "the birthplace of Montana archaeology."

In Billings on I-90 at Exit 452, then 6 miles south on county road. (Lat 45.738, Lng-108.433)
Phone (406) 254-7342.



MADISON BUFFALO JUMP*

Nomadic tribes stampeded buffalo over this cliff and used the remains for food, clothing and shelter. Hike to the top of the jump for impressive views of the Madison River valley.

23 miles west of Bozeman on I-90 at Logan Exit, then 7 miles south on Buffalo Jump Road. (Lat 45.795, Lng -111.462)
Phone (406) 994-4042.



FIRST PEOPLES BUFFALO JUMP*

Formerly known as Ulm Pishkun, this is one of the largest buffalo jump sites in the world. For thousands of years people gathered here to hunt and celebrate. A modern visitor center, featuring exquisite dioramas and hands-on activities, explains the importance of the buffalo to the native people of the Plains. Wheelchairs available.

10 miles south of Great Falls on I-15 at Ulm Exit, then 3.5 miles northwest on Ulm-Vaughn road.
(Lat 47.488, Lng-111.526) Phone (406) 866-2217.



ROSEBUD BATTLEFIELD (NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK)

This remote location is the site of one the largest battles ever waged between American Indians and the U.S. Army. Though the battle was a draw, it was a strategic victory for the Lakota (Sioux) and Tse' tsestahese (Cheyenne) eight days before Little Bighorn.

25 miles east of Little Bighorn Battlefield on U.S. 212, then 20 miles south on Secondary 314, then 3 miles west on county road. The last 1.5 miles are on unpaved roads.
(Lat 45.219, Lng-106.978) Phone (406) 234-0900.



LEWIS & CLARK

GIANT SPRINGS

One of the largest freshwater springs in the world, Giant Springs flows at 156 million gallons a day. Visit the adjacent fish hatchery, walk along the River's Edge Trail or visit the nearby Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center. Wheelchairs available.

2 miles east of U.S. 87 on Giant Springs Road, Great Falls.
(Lat 47.53, Lng-111.232) Phone (406) 454-5840



TOWER ROCK*

Tower Rock is a landmark noted by Meriwether Lewis in his July 16, 1805 journal entry. This igneous rock formation is 424 feet high and stands in the mouth of the canyon where the Missouri River flows.

South of Cascade, the east side of Tower Rock is visible from I-15 and can be accessed by using Exit 247 at Hardy Creek. (Lat 47.181, Lng-111.816)
Phone (406) 454-5840.



MISSOURI HEADWATERS (NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK)

Captain Lewis stood on top of a limestone cliff and saw the three rivers that formed the Missouri River. He named the tributaries Madison, Gallatin and Jefferson. Interpretive signs, hiking trail, campground and rental tipi all make this park a convenient and informative stop.

4 miles northeast of Three Forks, off Hwy 205, then onto Hwy 286. (Lat 45.924, Lng-111.498) Phone (406) 994-4042.



BEAVERHEAD ROCK*

As the Corps of Discovery moved into the area of current-day Dillon, Sacagawea recognized a landmark indicating a spot where the Shoshone camped. The Shoshone called the landmark "Beaver's Head," because the formation resembles the head of a swimming beaver. No services.

14 miles south of Twin Bridges on MT 41.
(Lat 45.385, Lng-112.46) Phone (406) 834-3413.



John Lambing photo

CLARK'S LOOKOUT*

Interpretive signage explains the navigational techniques used by Lewis & Clark. Walk the trail to the top of this promontory to stand where Clark stood and view the scenery. A granite monument at the summit depicts the three compass readings Clark took.

1 mile north of Dillon on Hwy 91.
(Lat 45.235, Lng-112.634)
Phone (406) 834-3413.



TRAVELERS' REST (NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK)

This is the only site on the Lewis and Clark Trail where archaeological evidence has been pieced together confirming a Corps encampment. The Corps established this campsite in September, 1805, and camped here again on the return journey in 1806.

8 miles south of Missoula to Lolo, then 1/2 mile west on U.S. Hwy 12. (Lat 46.751, Lng-114.089) Phone (406) 273-4253.



PIROGUE ISLAND

Captain Clark, his men and Sacagawea are believed to have camped on Pirogue Island on their return trip in 1806. The site is a haven for waterfowl, bald eagles, and whitetail and mule deer.

1 mile north of Miles City on MT 59, then 2 miles east on Kinsey Road, then 2 miles south on county road. (Lat 46.436, Lng-105.821)
Phone (406) 234-0900.





LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS
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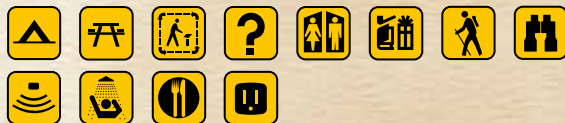
NATURAL RECREATION SITES

Montana is world renown for natural beauty and scenic wonders, and many of these awesome sites are found in our state parks. Whether your idea of eye candy is an unusual geological formation or an area of pristine, untouched beauty, our state parks have something special waiting for you—right outside your own backyard.

LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS

Explore one of the most highly decorated limestone caverns in the northwest on an informative two-hour guided tour. The park also has hiking trails, ranger programs, nature store/deli, cabins and campground. A brand new visitor center features a classroom and interpretive displays. Fee charged for Caverns tour. Easy highway access.

22 miles west of Three Forks on MT 2 or 18 miles east of Whitehall on MT 2. (Lat 45.843, Lng-111.883)
Phone (406) 287-3541.

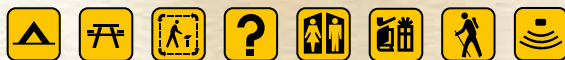


MAKOSHIKA

Hogback ridges, fluted hillsides, pinnacles and caprocks ornament a network of buttes at this scenic park.

The site of rare dinosaur finds, Makoshika features a visitor center, campground, hiking trails, archery range, amphitheater and scenic vistas. For more information on the Montana Dinosaur Trail, please visit www.mtdinotrail.org.

Located at the southeast edge of Glendive. Follow the signs through town-Merrill Avenue to Barry St. to Taylor Ave. (Lat 47.062, Lng-104.668) Phone (406) 377-6256.



GREYCLIFF PRAIRIE DOG TOWN

Black-tailed prairie dogs are very social animals that engage in activities such as communicating and grooming each other. This is a great place to enjoy a picnic and learn about the important role these animals play in the prairie ecosystem.

Nine miles east of Big Timber at I-90 exit 377. (Lat 45.759, Lng-109.79) Phone (406) 247-2940.



LONE PINE

With spectacular views of the magnificent Flathead Valley and Glacier National Park, one can learn about the area's cultural and natural history at Lone Pine. Visitor Center offers nature and interpretive programs. The park also offers great hiking opportunities.

5 miles southwest of Kalispell. Follow U.S. Hwy 2 west to Meridian Road, then south on Meridian to Foys Lake Road, then to Lone Pine Road. (Lat 48.176, Lng-114.337) Phone (406) 755-2706.



MEDICINE ROCKS

Weathering has given the soft sandstone rock formations in this scenic 320-acre park a Swiss-cheese look. Jutting abruptly from the southeastern Montana prairie, this park's unique scenery and rugged beauty is a sight to behold. Visitors often see mule and white-tailed deer, antelope and wild turkey.

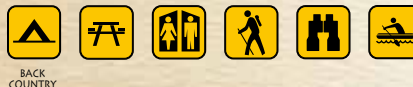
25 miles south of Baker on MT 7. (Lat 46.045, Lng-104.469) Phone (406) 234-0900.



SLUICE BOXES

In this area of pristine beauty and historical mining significance, one can see the remains of the Albright town site, limestone quarry and railroad trestles lining Belt Creek. A primitive trail provides access to fishing, challenging floats and wildlife viewing. Permit required to camp. Call phone number below prior to your visit.

12 miles south of Belt on U.S. 89 on the Kings Hill Scenic Highway, then 1/2 mile west on county road 340. (Lat 47.178, Lng-110.946) Phone (406) 454-5840.



LOST CREEK

The varied wildlife, unusual geological formations and picturesque Lost Creek Falls provide visitors with a unique outdoor experience. Look for mountain goats and bighorn sheep in the area.

1.5 miles east of Anaconda on MT 1, then 2 miles north on Secondary 273, then 6 miles west. (Lat 46.21, Lng-113.004) Phone (406) 542-5500.



WILD HORSE ISLAND (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

Boat access only to this day-use park helps regulate and protect the 2,000-acre island. Check with park staff on the best ways to reach the island and its trails. Visitors can enjoy trout fishing, mule deer, bighorn sheep and more.

Access from Big Arm State Park via boat. (Lat 47.845, Lng-114.218) Phone (406) 752-5501.



Kenton Rowe photo



YELLOWSTONE RIVER STATE PARK AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

This combination State Park/Wildlife Management area consists of over 4,000 acres along the north shore of the Yellowstone River and includes nearly 5 miles of river shoreline. A campground is being developed; expected opening is 2011.



Robert Gibson/FWP photo

28 miles east of Billings on I-94, exit 23. Highway 312 west, north on Bundy Road, then west onto Bozeman Trail. (Lat 45.998, Lng -108.089) Phone (406) 247-2940.



MARIAS RIVER STATE PARK AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Straddling a 17-mile stretch of the Marias River, this pristine and scenic river valley offers important natural and cultural resources. Limited road access and parking is available at the northwest corner of this new site. The development of boat camps for river floaters is planned for summer 2010.

Southwest of Shelby. Entrance is 2.5 miles from junction of Hjartson Road and McCormick Road. (Lat 48.444, Lng -111.97) Phone (406) 454-5840.



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NORTH SHORE STATE PARK AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Nestled on magnificent Flathead Lake, this State Park/Wildlife Management Area (WMA) shares a border with the Flathead Lake Waterfowl Production area. The WMA is closed each year from March 1 through July 15 while birds are nesting. Future development calls for a campground, which will be open year-round.

On Montana Hwy 82 3.6 miles east of US 93 near Somers and 3.2 miles west of US 35 near Bigfork. (Lat 48.095, Lng -114.153) Phone (406) 752-5501.



WATER-BASED RECREATION SITES

For those who like their fun with a little water, Montana State Parks are just the place. We offer great sites for fishing, swimming, water skiing, boating and more. For more detailed information on rules and regulations, please see our Web site at fwp.mt.gov/parks.

ACKLEY LAKE

Nestled in rich grassland with beautiful mountain views, Ackley Lake offers a variety of year-round water sports opportunities. Motorized boating and water-skiing permitted. Popular for rainbow trout fishing.

17 miles west of Lewistown on U.S. 87 to Hobson, then 5 miles south on Hwy 400, then 2 miles southwest on county road. (Lat 46.957, Lng -109.943) Phone (406) 454-5840.



BEAVERTAIL HILL

A one-mile disabled-accessible self-guided nature trail points out many of the natural features of the riparian zone in which the park is located. In addition to RV and tent camping, this park also features the opportunity to rent a full-size tipi for the night.

Located 26 miles southeast of Missoula on I-90 to Beavertail Hill exit 130, then .25 mile south on county road. (Lat 46.719, Lng -113.574) Phone (406) 542-5500.



BIG ARM (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

Explore the nature trail, hiking/horseback trail and mountain bike trail on this 217-acre park. This is a popular spot for swimmers, sunbathers and Canada geese watchers.

14 miles north of Polson on U.S. 93 on the west shore.
(Lat 47.811, Lng-114.312) Phone (406) 752-5501.



BLACK SANDY (ON HAUSER LAKE)

On the shore of beautiful Hauser Lake, this recreational area offers camping, swimming, year-round fishing, boating and hiking.

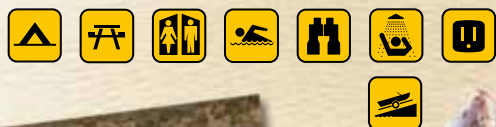
7 miles north of Helena on I-15, then 4 miles east on Secondary 453, then 3 miles north on county road.
(Lat 46.749, Lng-111.888) Phone (406) 495-3260.



COONEY

Enjoy year-round activities at this popular recreation area. Five campgrounds, boating, swimming and fishing are popular in the spring, summer and fall. Ice fishing, cross-country skiing and ice skating can be enjoyed in winter.

22 miles southwest of Laurel on U.S. 212, then 8 miles west of Boyd on county road. Or, south of Columbus 4 miles to Shane Creek Road, 14 miles east.
(Lat 45.441, Lng-109.228) Phone (406) 445-2326.



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FINLEY POINT (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

This secluded campground is located in a mature conifer forest near the south end of the lake. Boat slips at the 16-slip marina may be rented nightly to moor boats or for an on-board camping experience. Features 12 RV sites and four boat slips with electrical service and water hookups.

11 miles north of Polson on MT 35, then 4 miles west on county road. (Lat 47.755, Lng-114.085)
Phone (406) 752-5501.



FRENCHTOWN POND

This man-made lake is great for swimming, fishing, non-motorized boating, picnicking and more. Playground facilities and reservable group shelters are available. Sportfish include largemouth bass, black bullheads, yellow perch and pumpkin seeds.

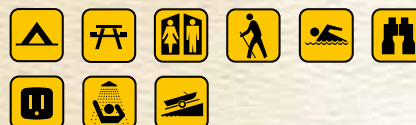
15 miles west of Missoula on I-90 at Frenchtown Exit 89, then 1 mile west on Frontage Rd.
(Lat 47.024, Lng-114.258) Phone (406) 542-5500.



HELL CREEK (ON FORT PECK RESERVOIR)

Offering public access on the south shore of the Fort Peck Reservoir, Hell Creek's amenities include a full-service marina and store, fish cleaning station and playground. Motels and rental cabins are available through www.hellcreekmarina.com or by calling (406) 557-2345.

25 miles north of Jordan on county road. Inquire locally about road conditions. (Lat 47.615, Lng-106.886)
Phone (406) 234-0900.



BRUSH LAKE

This mile-long lake is ideal for swimming, wildlife viewing, motorized boating and water skiing. Due to the mineral make-up of Brush Lake, there are no fish. Northeast portion of the lake includes a day-use area. A new campground is scheduled to open late summer 2010.

31 miles southeast of Plentywood. Off state Hwy 16, go east on Hwy 258 (East Reserve Highway) for 16.5 miles, turn south on Brush Lake county road, go 1 mile. (Lat 48.603, Lng-104.113) Phone (406) 228-3700.



LAKE ELMO

Enjoy the pleasures of a lake setting—without leaving the city. Open year-round, Elmo offers an abundance of recreational opportunities, including swimming, fishing, non-motorized boating, hiking, a dog park and more.

In Billings, Main St. (U.S. 87) north to Pemberton Lane, then .5 mile west. (Lat 45.839, Lng-108.477) Phone (406) 247-2940.



LAKE MARY RONAN

Seven miles west of Flathead Lake, nestled between the Salish and Mission mountain ranges, this shady park is a great place to camp and swim. The lake is stocked with salmon, trout, bass and perch.

U.S. 93 at Dayton, then 7 miles northwest. (Lat 47.927, Lng-114.383) Phone (406) 752-5501.



LOGAN (ON MIDDLE THOMPSON LAKE)

A comfortable spot for spectacular fishing as well as picnicking, swimming, boating, camping and water skiing, Logan is nestled in a mature forest on the banks of the Middle Thompson Lake.

45 miles west of Kalispell on U.S. 2. (Lat 48.033, Lng-115.067) Phone (406) 752-5501.



PAINTED ROCKS

Surrounded by the Bitterroot Range which rises to an elevation of 10,700 feet, this park offers several recreational opportunities. Open year-round, activities include snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, wildlife viewing, camping, hiking, boating and fishing.

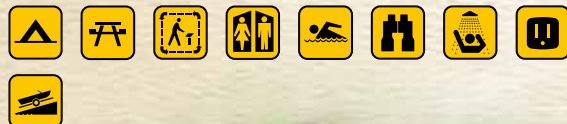
17 miles south of Hamilton on U.S. 93, then 23 miles SW on route 473. (Lat 45.682, Lng-114.302) Phone (406) 542-5500.



PLACID LAKE

This park provides a peaceful escape where visitors can participate in many lake-related activities. It also features accessible viewing of many species of birds such as Red-necked Grebes, waterfowl, ospreys and Common Loons.

Take Hwy 83 about 10 miles north of Hwy 200, then follow the signs to the park, which is 3 miles west of the highway. (Lat 47.12, Lng-113.503) Phone (406) 542-5500.



SALMON LAKE

This woodland setting of western larch, ponderosa pine and Douglas fir is perfect for fishing, canoeing, water skiing and boating.

On Hwy 83 about 7 miles south of Seeley Lake.
(Lat 47.094, Lng-113.399) Phone (406) 542-5500.



SPRING MEADOW LAKE*

Fed by natural springs, this is a popular recreation area for the whole family. It provides opportunities for swimming, fishing, non-motorized boating, scuba diving and picnicking.

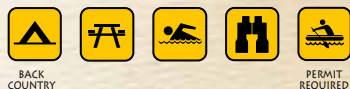
Close to downtown Helena, Hwy. 12 West (Euclid St.), then Joslyn St. north to Country Club Ave.
(Lat 46.611, Lng-112.076) Phone (406) 495-3260.



SMITH RIVER

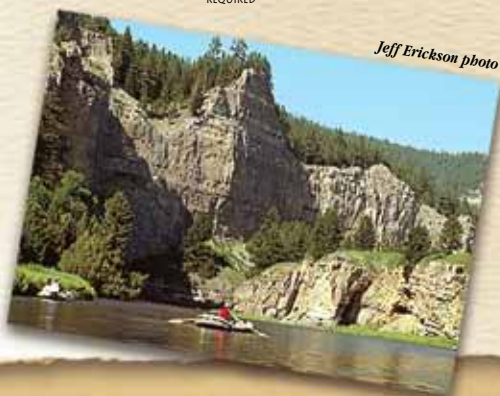
Permits are required to float this 59-mile stretch of the Smith River between Camp Baker and Eden Bridge. Noted for its scenery and red ribbon trout fishery, the Smith River has only one public put-in and one public take-out for the entire 59 miles.

16 miles northwest of White Sulphur Springs on secondary 360, then 10 miles north on county road.
(Lat 46.8, Lng-111.18) Phone (406) 454-5840.



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REQUIRED



Jeff Erickson photo

THOMPSON FALLS (ON CLARK FORK RIVER)

Located on the banks of the scenic Clark Fork River, Thompson Falls is a great place to camp, walk, fish for trout and smallmouth bass. Park also features a boat launch, picnic tables, 17 campsites and reservable covered shelters.

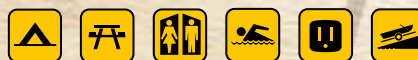
1 mile northwest of Thompson Falls on MT 200.
(Lat 47.616, Lng-115.389) Phone (406) 752-5501.



TONGUE RIVER RESERVOIR

Boating, fishing and other water sports are popular on this 12-mile long reservoir on the Tongue River. Services at the site include fuel, boat rental, fish cleaning station, groceries and more.

Northeast of Sheridan, WY, 6 miles north of Decker, MT, on Secondary 314, then 1 mile east on county road.
(Lat 45.11, Lng-106.78) Phone (406) 234-0900.



WAYFARERS (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

Set in a mature forest, Wayfarers is a popular stop for visitors who enjoy nature walks with excellent views. This park includes a campground, beach, boat launch, picnic areas, wooded hiking trails and more.

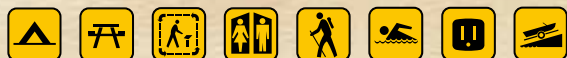
.5 miles south of Bigfork on MT 35 on the east shore.
(Lat 48.054, Lng-114.081) Phone (406) 752-5501.



WEST SHORE (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

This park's glacially carved rock outcrops offer spectacular views of Flathead Lake and the Mission and Swan Mountain Ranges. Facilities include 26 campsites, hiking trails, potable water and a boat ramp. Fishing for lake trout can be excellent here.

20 miles south of Kalispell on U.S. 93.
(Lat 47.951, Lng-114.187) Phone (406) 752-5501.



WHITEFISH LAKE

Along the shore of beautiful Whitefish Lake, this 10-acre park provides a pleasant campground, mature forest and a beach. Boating, swimming, fishing and water skiing are popular activities here.

1 mile west of Whitefish on U.S. 93, then 1 mile north.
(Lat 48.425, Lng-114.371) Phone (406) 752-5501.



YELLOW BAY (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

This park features four walk-in tent camping spots and a wide beach for swimming, scuba diving, boating, fishing and bird watching.

15 miles north of Polson on MT 35 on the east shore.



LES MASON (ON WHITEFISH LAKE)

This wooded area on the east shore of Whitefish Lake provides access to cool, clear waters along a stretch of smooth cobble beach. Shaded picnic tables, great swimming, and a spot to launch canoes and kayaks all make this an ideal day-use park.

1.3 miles north of Big Mountain turnoff on East Lakeshore Drive in Whitefish.
(Lat 48.455, Lng-114.369) Phone (406) 752-5501.



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Plan Ahead and Prepare

Travel and Camp
on Durable Surfaces

Dispose of Waste Properly

Leave What You Find

Minimize Campfire Impacts

Respect Wildlife

Be Considerate
of Other Visitors

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FLATHEAD LAKE
Donnie Sexton photo



ACCOMMODATIONS

Good times in Montana State Parks are just beginning when the sun goes down. Prolong your fun by extending your visit. You can pitch a tent, park your RV, sleep in a tipi, or enjoy a unique overnight stay in a furnished camping structure.

Twenty-four parks offer well-maintained tent and RV sites. For added adventure, reserve a yurt, tipi or cabin. These unique accommodations are a great way to camp without pounding a stake or leveling a rig.

A yurt is a circular, domed tent used by nomadic tribes. At Big Arm State Park, our yurts sleep either 4 or 6 people, complete with beds, table and chairs, electricity, and a deck overlooking spectacular Flathead Lake.

Sioux-style tipis are located at Beavertail Hill, Bannack, Lewis & Clark Caverns and Missouri Headwaters. The 18-foot diameter canvas lodges comfortably sleep 6 to 8 people. They have no furnishings, but do have indoor/outdoor carpeting, a picnic table and a grill.

The cabins at Lewis & Clark Caverns are a comfortable retreat at the end of a day. Furnished with beds, table and chairs, and electricity, they sleep up to 6 people. Grills are outside each cabin and flush toilets and shower facilities are a short walk away. The heated cabins are available year-round, although water in the campground is turned off from October 1-April 30.

For more information on accommodations in the parks, visit our Web site at fwp.mt.gov/parks.



EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

From stargazing to atlatl contests and guided hikes to buffalo feasts, Montana State Parks feature entertaining interpretive programs and special events to enhance your experience. From cultural and community events to speaker series and festivals, Montana State Parks are a place where visitors of all ages can:

- *Pan for gold*
- *Learn a new skill*
- *Throw an atlatl*
- *Be captivated by storytellers*
- *Join hands in a native friendship dance*
- *Taste an Indian taco*

Here's a sampling of our Annual Events.

BUZZARD DAY

Makoshika State Park - Mid-June

BANNACK DAYS

Bannack State Park - Third Weekend in July

ATLATL COMPETITION

First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park - Mid-September

GHOST WALKS

Bannack State Park - Near Halloween

HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT TOURS

Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park - Late December

CHEIF PLENTY COUPS DAY OF HONOR

Chief Plenty Coups State Park
Saturday of Labor Day Weekend

Events are posted on our e-calendar as they are scheduled by Parks staff. Most events are free, although some require pre-registration or a program fee. Check out

fwp.mt.gov/parks/events/eCalendar.html

PARK FEE INFO

Montana residents arriving in a vehicle with valid Montana license plates are allowed to enter State Parks for free. Camping, tour, special event and other fees still apply.

Non-resident visitors are required to pay day-use fees of \$5 per car. If you prefer, you may obtain a Montana State Parks Annual Pass for unlimited day-use access. Passes are \$25 for the first vehicle, \$20 for additional vehicles. They can be purchased at any state park, regional FWP office or online at fwp.mt.gov/parks. The America the Beautiful-National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass is not valid in Montana State Parks.

SUPPORT MONTANA STATE PARKS

When you purchase a State Parks specialty license plate, you help the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Park Foundation improve programs and facilities in Montana State Parks. Ask at your County Treasurer's office about the State Parks plate the next time you license your vehicle.

For collector's edition (non-vehicular) license plates in the form of collector's plates (AAA.000) or personalized sample plates, visit www.mfwpfoundation.org



DISABLED ACCESSIBILITY

It is our intent to provide facilities and programs that accommodate the needs of all, including people with disabilities. Further information on accessibility can be obtained by contacting individual park areas.



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CAMPING

Real Montana camping is real close. In fact, for most Montanans it's just a few hours away or less. Campsites in Montana State Park campgrounds are available on a first-come first-served basis. The table below lists amenities at each site, such as showers, dump stations and boat ramps. You will be asked to use a self-pay registration system when you find a campsite.

Montana State Parks is pleased to announce a campground reservation system will be available beginning in 2011.

	Page Number	Tent Sites	RV Sites	Disabled Campsite	Electricity	Flush Toilets	Showers	Drinking Water	Dump Station	Maximum RV Length	Boat Ramp	Swimming	Rental Accommodations	Season
■ = Electricity ● = Disabled Access ★ = Available														
ACKLEY LAKE	15	0	15						24'	★	★			ALL YEAR
BANNACK	4	14	14				★		50'				TIPS	ALL YEAR
BEAVERTAIL HILL	15	16	9	1	■	★		★	28'				TIPS	5/1-11/1
BIG ARM	16	9	31			●	●	★	40'	★	★		YURTS	5/1-9/30
BLACK SANDY	16	4	29	2	■	●		★	35'	●	★			ALL YEAR
BRUSH LAKE	18	0	13	1	■			★	40'	●	★			5/1-12/1
COONEY	16	6	66	5	■	●	●	★	60'	●	★			ALL YEAR
FINLEY POINT	17	4	14	1	■	●		★	40'	●	★			5/1-9/30
HELL CREEK	17	15	40		■	★	●	★	50'	★	★			ALL YEAR
LAKE MARY RONAN	18	3	24					★	35'	●				ALL YEAR
LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS	11	20	20	1	■	●	●	★	60'				TIPS/CABINS	ALL YEAR
LOGAN	19	5	37	2		★	★	★	40'	●	★			ALL YEAR
LOST CREEK	13	5	20	1				★	23'					5/1-11/30
MAKOSHIKA	11	8	14	1				★	40'					ALL YEAR
MEDICINE ROCKS	12	6	6					★	25'					ALL YEAR
MISSOURI HEADWATERS	8	3	20	1		★		★	25'	★			TIPS	5/1-9/30
PAINTED ROCKS	19	5	20						25'	★				ALL YEAR
PLACID LAKE	19	20	20	2	■	●	★	★	25'	●	★			5/1-11/30
SALMON LAKE	20	10	10	1	■	●	★	★	25'	●	★			5/1-9/30
THOMPSON FALLS	21	3	14					★	30'	★	★			5/1-9/30
TONGUE RIVER RESERVOIR	21	16	90		■			★	50'	★	★			ALL YEAR
WAYFARERS	21	7	23	1		●	●	★	40'	●	★			5/1-9/30
WEST SHORE	22	5	26		■			★	40'	★	★			ALL YEAR
WHITEFISH LAKE	22	8	16	1		●	●	★	35'	●	★			ALL YEAR
YELLOW BAY	22	4	0			★		★	30'	★	★			5/1-9/30

- ◆ Maximum length is the combined length of towing unit and trailer(s).
- ◆ Dump station for Salmon Lake and Placid Lake is located at rest area at junction of MT 200 and MT 83.
- ◆ Limited facilities may be available from September to May. Check with Park directly.
- ◆ Most camp sites include picnic table and fire ring. No utility hookups, except where noted above. All campgrounds have vault toilets unless noted. Pack-in pack-out trash at Ackley Lake, Lost Creek, Painted Rocks, Medicine Rocks, and Missouri Headwaters.
- ◆ Reservable group camping sites at: Big Arm, Lake Mary Ronan, Lewis & Clark Caverns, Logan and Thompson Falls.

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MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK
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OTHER MONTANA CONTACT INFORMATION

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